
MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

ADULT GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

Alameda County (\$948,459)

Operation My Home Town (OMHT) is an intensive pre- and post-release clinical case management model that is intended to create a paradigm shift in reentry services for adult inmates and provide a systems approach to assist the inmates as they transition back into the community. Participants in the program will receive a validated risk and needs assessment, develop Individualized Reentry Plans with their Clinical Case Managers (CCMs), engage in pre-release services (e.g., education, vocational training, cognitive behavioral interventions), and receive post-release clinical case management. CCMs will assist the participants in their transition back into the community by providing clinical interventions, support services, and linkage to resources that address the participant's risks and needs until reentry goals are met for up to a year post-release. CCMs will also assist participants with enrollment for public benefits, obtaining housing, enrolling in educational institutions and obtaining sheltered or long-term employment. CCMs will monitor the participants' progress and continuously assess the participants' risks and needs to determine the level of case management, clinical intervention, and referrals needed.

El Dorado County (\$950,000)

The El Dorado project is a multi-faceted service approach for the seriously mentally ill offender population in the South Lake Tahoe area. First, an effective and collaborative crisis intervention response to individuals in crisis will better assess, identify, triage, and link offenders with severe mental illness, and those with co-occurring disorders, to alternatives to incarceration. Second, those individuals in a custodial environment or Behavioral Health Court will have a realistic and focused reentry plan, including necessary treatment, support, and housing resources, prior to their transition back to the community. Third, a court-based intervention, including mental health assessment, will be established to identify offenders and connect them with transitional housing, Behavioral Health Court and intensive case management services.

Los Angeles County (\$1,834,000)

"Nemo Resideo" (no one left behind) will provide a comprehensive and integrated discharge plan, as well as jail in-reach, intensive community-based services and housing to tri-morbid offenders (seriously mentally ill individuals with co-occurring disorders and a chronic medical condition). The program is an enhanced discharge planning program with jail in-reach by the community-based organization providing the wraparound services, intensive case management and housing upon release, as well as identification of service locations, treatment providers, a medical home, and a dedicated pharmacy.

Madera County (\$869,547)

The Behavioral Health Court will use multi-organizational collaboration to coordinate court-ordered integrated treatment, supervision and community resource plans for mentally ill offenders in order to achieve the optimum results of reduced jail recidivism and criminogenic risks. Necessary resources for participants include access to housing, access to prescribed psychotropic medication, intensive supervision and case management services. The project will also include transitional housing accommodations and securing residential treatment beds.

Nevada County (\$110,472 - partial project funding)

The Nevada County will develop an 18 month pilot project by creating a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to address critical mental health needs within community settings that will reduce risk to the client and the community, reduce the use of secure custody, improve quality of life for the individuals, and in turn, reduce financial costs by providing effective screening and assessments,

referrals, and evidence-based interventions and case management models. All law enforcement officers will receive CIT training; however, the 'Team' will consist of one officer per agency as point person for mental health intervention training, resource referrals, case staffing, and intervention response management.

San Francisco County (\$950,000)

The San Francisco project will create a Behavioral Health Court (BHC) specifically designed to improve outcomes among adults with mental illness who are accused of misdemeanor offenses. As part of the BHC, continuum of care services and responses include direct housing services to support temporary and transitional housing for offenders, subsidized transportation, employment skills training, and incentives for participation in cognitive behavioral therapy and evidence-based interventions such as Moral Reconation Therapy and Wellness Recovery Action Plan. A peer specialist will also be included to support BHC clients through the process.

San Luis Obispo County (\$950,000)

The San Luis Obispo project will implement a collaborative and multidisciplinary program designed to provide for a Behavioral Health clinician at pre-trial to screen mentally ill offenders as they are being sentenced to provide an alternative to incarceration, in-custody evidence-based treatment services, increased capacity within the community clinic to provide walk-in medication and screening appointments for post-release offenders in order to provide an immediate and seamless reentry of the client into the community. In-custody treatment services include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis, Criminogenic interventions (Moral Reconation Therapy), and trauma-focused treatment (Seeking Safety).

Santa Clara County (\$950,000)

The In-Custody Reentry Team (ICRT) will support the successful reentry of inmates with a serious mental illness. The ICRT will employ incarceration-based, prevention-oriented case management and discharge planning to program clients, linking them to post-release services and increasing engagement in the types of treatment and support services that will improve their quality of life and reduce their chances of recidivating. The ICRT will work with serious mentally ill offenders from booking to release, establishing a reentry case plan within days of a mental health referral and following the client through incarceration to their release through service linkages.

Santa Cruz County (\$949,995)

The Mentally Ill Offender Continuum of Care project will address the effects of mentally ill offenders in the local criminal justice system including this population's typically longer average length of stay in the County Jail due to their distinctive needs, the impact of untreated offenders with psychiatric issues in the community, and the need to draw from the evidence-based practice and intensive treatment of the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) model. The project will provide pre-offender interventions as prevention opportunities through law enforcement liaison personnel, provide post-arrest diversion programming through in-custody dual diagnosis treatment services, Probation pre-trial and supervision services, and expand capacity for the FACT team.

Solano County (\$949,998)

The Solano County project will create a county-wide response to the issues of services, treatment, and recidivism reduction for the justice-involved mentally ill. The project will divert potential low level offenders in the community, prior to being arrested, will create a "post filing diversion project" for the mentally ill, will provide Jail-based mental health programming for sentenced and certain un-sentenced offenders after assessment, and will provide comprehensive reentry planning and intensive case management aftercare services to the participants prior to and after release. The County will create Collaborative Teams to direct the work of the diversion, in-custody and

reentry/aftercare components of the project and will use the evidence-based practice Critical Time Intervention to guide the reentry and aftercare process.

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Contra Costa County (\$950,000)

The Transitioning Out to Stay Out (TOSO) project will provide Functional Family Therapy to juvenile offenders and their families following an existing program of court-mandated therapy to improve transition from custody to the community. TOSO will be a supplemental layer of service beyond the suite of court-mandated services provided by the County to serious, persistent teenage male offenders and to sexually-exploited/repeat-offending female youth—groups who are at high-risk for re-offense.

Nevada County (\$750,000)

The Strengths, Opportunities, and Recidivism Reduction (SOARR) project will provide an intensive wraparound model for treating mental illness, eliminating barriers to recovery, teaching and reinforcing pro-social behaviors, and reducing recidivism. Wraparound services will be provided to the county's seriously mentally ill youth and their families and to those youth most at risk of an out-of-home placement, such as hospitalization, incarceration, or congregate care. Treatment will be designed to address the therapeutic needs, functional impairments, educational needs, and community resource deficits that frequently result in reoffending.

Riverside County (\$948,510)

The Intensive Re-Integration Services (IRIS) project is a collaborative, three-phase approach to support mentally ill juvenile offenders with successful community reentry. The first phase uses intensive in-custody treatment programs targeted towards addressing both significant mental illness and recidivism through multi-modal, evidence-based practices and strategies. The second phase focuses on reentry planning for youth, including appropriate housing, educational services, employment opportunities, job skills training, life skills development, and community reintegration skills. The third phase focuses on community supervision of the youth using either Functional Family Probation or Wraparound.

San Diego County (\$950,000)

The Screening, Assessment, and Services for Traumatized (SAST) Mentally Ill Juvenile Offenders project will provide short-term, cost-effective evidence-based interventions that are proven effective for traumatized youth. The SAST project will expand early identification and intervention for high-risk, high-need youth with mental illness and broaden the service continuum to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes by targeting trauma. Youth and their caregivers will receive Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, and Seeking Safety, all of which reduces PTSD and depression.

San Joaquin County (\$949,073)

The Court for Individualized Treatment for Adolescents (CITA) Juvenile Mental Health Court will provide a specialized treatment model to address the mental health needs of mentally ill juvenile offenders, address the root causes of offending, and will provide a range of supportive services to help youthful offenders and decrease recidivism. The CITA project will include expediting early intervention through the timely screening and referral of participants, using a dedicated team approach, intensive supervision of participants, and placing the judge at the center of the treatment and supervision process. Interventions include Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) within the Juvenile Justice Center and in the community, Trauma Focused CBI, Aggression Replacement Training, and CBI for substance use.

Santa Clara County (\$946,250)

The Successful Outcomes and Active Reengagement (SOAR) project will implement culturally responsive evidence-based intervention throughout the county juvenile justice system. Components planned that will significantly impact mental health outcomes for youth and involvement with the juvenile justice and dependency systems include training of mental health providers in “*El Joven Noble*” and “*Cara y Corazon*” curricula, the addition of a social worker to the Dually Involved Youth Unit, services for commercially sexually exploited (CSE) youth and the formation of a youth advisory council. Project SOAR will allow for more targeted service to CSE youth, who are facing serious emotional and mental illnesses.

Santa Cruz County (\$950,000)

The “*Familias Unidas En Respetto, Tranquilidad y Esperanza*” (FUERTE) project (Families United in Respect, Tranquility, and Hope) will address the individuals’ and families’ therapeutic needs and criminogenic risks in order to reduce recidivism, reduce unnecessary use of detention through community-based alternatives, improve individual functioning, and increase family capacity/skills. The core services provided will be treatment matching through screening and assessments, in-home therapy for the youth and family, intensive case management, and linkages to community-based resources. Additional services may include therapeutic groups addressing aggressive/criminal behaviors and outpatient substance use/co-occurring disorder treatments.

Shasta County (\$938,842)

The Wraparound Interagency Network for Growth and Stability (WINGS) is an intensive strength-based family-focused program for high-risk juveniles diagnosed with mental illness. The court-based program uses an interagency family treatment team to meet the needs of the minor and family and establish individualized plans for both. These plans work toward reducing recidivism, minimizing the need for high level, out-of-county placements in group homes, and improve the family’s ability to cope with the minor’s mental health issues. A Deputy Probation Officer, a Social Worker, a Parent Partner, and a Skill Builder along with services provided by a Mental Health Clinician will coordinate treatment through the implementation of evidence-based practices and strategies.

Solano County (\$761,322)

The Solano County project will provide early intervention and diversion from formal judicial processing for mentally ill youth in the city of Fairfield, who are enrolled in the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District. The county’s collaborative plan includes relocation of the Probation Department’s Juvenile Supervision Unit to the Sullivan Youth Services Interagency Center (<http://www.fsusd.org/Page/12065>). The goal of Probation’s move to the center is to reduce youth contact with higher risk adult offenders and other negative influences when reporting to their Probation Officer, as well as connecting youth with resources and services to reduce their risk of recidivism. MIOCR funding will be utilized to provide for a Deputy Probation Officer to coordinate youth care and case management services. In addition, funds will be used to train the Fairfield Police Department Diversion Officer and the Deputy Probation Officer in the use of a standardized short screener assessment tool to determine appropriate referrals to the MIOCR diversion program. An in-kind match by Solano County Health & Social Services will provide for a licensed Mental Health Clinician to be on site at the Sullivan Center to conduct mental health assessments, determine appropriate therapeutic interventions, make referrals and provide direct treatment services. As part of the full service community approach, training will be provided to probation, police, educators, and community providers on the Policing the Teen Brain curriculum, which discusses youth brain development, impacts of trauma, and how all youth-serving partners can

improve the health and safety of mentally ill minors while promoting alternatives to detention and improving community trust.

Tuolumne County (\$262,730)

The Tuolumne County project will work to reduce recidivism and promote academic and behavioral success for its juvenile offender population. Being a rural county, MIOCR funds will provide new options for resource barriers that exist due to the geographic nature of the area. Mental health services for probation youth will be augmented and supported through the collaboration of numerous county entities and the coordination of services. An additional County Therapist position will assist in providing assessments, early intervention modalities such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Functional Family Therapy, and crisis intervention. MIOCR funding will also go toward contracting with a licensed foster family home to provide youth with immediate crisis intervention and stabilization instead of placement in secure detention. An after-school program will be created during high risk crime hours and include a probation aide who will assist with providing youth some of their basic needs, tutoring/mentoring, transportation, group therapy, and, as needed, facilitate medication compliance.

Yolo County (\$950,000)

The Yolo County project will expand the county's current wraparound services to youth involved with the juvenile justice system who have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse diagnoses. The project will coordinate a team using multiple resources, members from various agencies such as social services, behavioral health providers, and justice partners, and most importantly, the family. The wraparound program will coordinate appropriate services to provide treatment for youth and interventions that will improve youth and their family's functioning across multiple life domains to provide a smooth transition back into the community while reducing the likelihood of recidivism.